

Nantucket Commission on Disability

Minutes

October 4, 2006

Present: Mickey Rowland, Dick Moran, Phil Gallagher, Linda Williams, and Brenda McDonough

Absent: All Present

The meeting opened with the members reviewing September's minutes, which were unanimously approved.

Topics:

- Linda notified the Commission that Michael Burns of the Nantucket Planning and Economic Development Commission requested our Commission's participation in updating the Regional Transportation Plan. He is soliciting input from our Commission as to what we consider to be our goals, objectives, and potential improvements that could be included in the Transportation Plan in regards to access. Linda mentioned the following potential improvements:

1. Increased accessible routes to points of entry to Nantucket.
2. Accessible wharfs and accessible paths to the wharfs
3. Increased daily and weekend transportation for the disabled and elderly community

Brenda will contact Michael Burns and inquire as to what information he may need from us.

- The Commission reviewed the "Suggested List" for DOJ compliance and made the following comments:

1. Pacific National Bank, Main Street

Signage at the main entrance directing disabled customers to the accessible entrance on Upper Main Street

Signage on the accessible entrance door

Policy for accommodating a disabled customer

Linda contacted Joel Brown, President of Pacific National Bank, and he said that he would put up the signage and create a policy for accommodating the disabled community.

2. Congdon Pharmacy

Recessed entryway with a step to enter the pharmacy

The Commission voted to include this business on the DOJ compliance list.

3. Nantucket Pharmacy

Step on sidewalk, then a recessed entrance

The Commission voted to include this business on the DOJ compliance list.

4. Hub

Step on sidewalk at entrance

The Commission voted to include this business on the DOJ compliance list. After some discussion, the Commission agreed that if any business can be in compliance with the AAB's regulations, then keep that business on the DOJ list. However, if the business cannot possibly comply with the AAB's regulations, then that particular business will be removed from the DOJ list. Linda suggested that we set up a meeting with Charles Lewis, a mason, to help us evaluate some businesses on this list as to the possibility of their compliance. Brenda will contact him and see if he will help us.

5. Juice Guys

Several levels along the board walk causing the Juice Guys to be inaccessible

The Commission voted to include this business on the DOJ compliance list.

6. Nantucket Family Chiropractic

Three stairs to business

No accessible parking

The Commission voted to include this business on the DOJ compliance list. Linda suggested that we contact Mindy Levine, Chiropractor, about an access plan they may already have.

7. Joseph Ranney Chiropractic

Step to entrance

No accessible parking

No longer at this address and his new business on Amelia Drive is accessible.

8. Nantucket Bookworks

Recessed entry with step to business

The Commission voted to include this business on the DOJ compliance list.

9. Cumberland Farms

Steps to entrance

The Commission voted to include this business on the DOJ compliance list. It was suggested that we obtain this site plan to see if ramping the entrance is possible.

10. Sconset Market

Step to entrance

The Commission voted to include this business on the DOJ compliance list.

11. Summer House Restaurant

Three steps on walkway

Two steps to the porch

One step to the restaurant

Linda will talk to Peter Carlson about accessibility. (Did she?) The Commission voted to include this business on the DOJ compliance list.

12. Tresses Day Spa

Step to walkway

Step to entrance

This business is difficult to make accessible. Dick will look at this location and give us his opinion on access. If this business cannot meet the access codes then we will not submit it to the DOJ.

13. The Galley Restaurant

Step to entrance

Linda informed us that the Galley actually has plans for accessibility.

14. Island Pursuit

Step to entrance at sidewalk

Linda informed us that Island Pursuit actually has plan for accessibility, so we do not need to include this on the DOJ list.

15. Islander Liquor Store

No accessible sidewalk

No accessible parking

The Commission voted to include this business on the DOJ compliance list.

16. Schooner's Restaurant

No accessible entrance

The Commission voted to include this business on the DOJ compliance list.

17. Courtyard Shops

No accessible entrance

Mickey believed that the all the shops at the courtyard could be accessible. We will have Charles Lewis look at this property also. If Charles thinks that repaving the courtyard to gain access is possible, then we will include this business on the DOJ compliance list.

- Brenda had a list of permit holders who were sent letters of inquiry requesting them to consider becoming a possible Commission member.
- Phil suggested that we try to have a hearing-impaired person on our Commission so we could be sensitive to the needs of the hearing-impaired public. Mickey mentioned that we should be sensitive to all forms of disabilities and we would do our best as a Commission to have varied disabled members.
- Dick motioned to adjourn, which was seconded and so it was voted.

Brenda McDonough, Facilitator

Our Next Meeting will be on February 7th, 2007

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